

Table 3. Estimated End-of-Year Retail Inventories by Kind of Business: 1992 Through 2005

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NAICS code	Kind of business	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	Retail inventories, total	256,810	274,748	300,517	318,021	328,912	339,565	351,996
	Total (excl. motor vehicle and parts dealers)	185,195	196,932	211,758	221,462	228,456	234,858	245,964
441	Motor vehicle and parts dealers	71,615	77,816	88,759	96,559	100,456	104,707	106,032
442, 443	Furniture, home furnishings, electronics, and appliance stores . .	16,273	18,174	20,401	21,708	22,055	21,869	22,410
444	Building mat. and garden equip. and supplies dealers	20,467	21,964	24,158	25,619	26,727	28,136	30,037
445	Food and beverage stores	28,088	28,179	28,830	29,425	30,398	30,617	31,575
448	Clothing and clothing access. stores	25,297	25,938	27,234	27,002	27,445	28,674	29,825
452	General merchandise stores	45,765	49,479	52,529	55,343	56,302	56,416	57,192
4521	Department stores	35,151	37,545	38,849	40,326	40,903	41,074	40,224

See footnotes at end of table.

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NAICS code	Kind of business	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Retail inventories, total	379,738	401,530	389,125	410,704	426,945	455,858	468,689
	Total (excl. motor vehicle and parts dealers)	260,474	269,618	266,980	272,304	277,930	297,976	311,501
441	Motor vehicle and parts dealers	119,264	131,912	122,145	138,400	149,015	157,882	157,188
442, 443	Furniture, home furnishings, electronics, and appliance stores . .	23,716	25,102	23,879	25,098	26,310	29,103	30,259
444	Building mat. and garden equip. and supplies dealers	32,185	33,534	33,652	35,594	37,127	41,554	44,867
445	Food and beverage stores	33,364	32,772	33,803	33,476	33,092	34,009	34,441
448	Clothing and clothing access. stores	31,023	33,694	32,481	33,905	34,683	37,161	39,059
452	General merchandise stores	59,790	60,448	60,440	61,792	62,720	67,076	70,253
4521	Department stores	40,610	39,547	37,526	35,991	34,329	34,936	35,267

Note: Estimates exclude food services. Retail total and other subsector totals may include data for kinds of business not shown. Estimates are not adjusted for price changes. Table A-2 provides estimated measures of sampling variability. The introduction and appendixes give information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions. Links to this information on the Internet may be found at <www.census.gov/mrts/www/nrely.html>.